Observation of National Sports Day

1433. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific programmes and sports events were organized by Union Government to observe the National Sports Day; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) On the occasion of National Sports Day *i.e.* 29th August, 2004, the following programmes were organized:-

1. Organizing of "Run for Sports" involving volunteers from National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), Sports Authority of India (SAI) Trainees and eminent Delhi based sportspersons.

2. Collection of funds for National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) through flag distribution.

3. National Sports Day was also organized by the Institutional/regional centers of SAI by organizing sports tournaments, races mass runs etc.

(b) The Government has spent an amount of Rs. 36,725/- on printing of 5 lakh flags through Directorate of Audit Visual Publicity (DAVP). The remaining expenditure has been incurred by a corporate sponsor.

Apart from the above, SAI has spent Rs. 3.12 lakhs in connection with the celebration of National Sports Day in their regional & fields units.

Anti Doping Steps

†1434. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that no Indian

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sports person is found guilty of doping in international sports and put the country to shame; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to form an enquiry committee in the country also that can firmly present the case of innocent sports person at international level?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) The Government of India has launched the Scheme for Dope Test in the 10th Five Year Plan with the objectives: (i) to have an International Olympic Committee-accredited Dope Control Centrel in India (ii) to maintain quality control system as required by International standard, *i.e.,* ISO: 17025 (iii) to educate athletes, coaches and other supporting personnel about the harmful effects of dope (iv) to test and develop the rationale for drug free sports and a national anti-doping policy (v) to conduct incompetition and out-of-competition dope tests on sportspersons (vi) to promote research and training and (vii) to harmonize the dope-related regulations in tune with the World Anti Doping code and the rules and regulations framed by the World Anti Doping Agency from time to time.

A Dope Control Centre (DCC) has been set up in Sports Authority of India located at JN Stadium, New Delhi which has already got ISO 9001:2000 certification as well as ISO 17025:1999 certification.

Government has dealt with the problem of doping in sports both at preventive and punitive levels. Elaborate efforts are being made by the Sports Authority of India to educate the players/sports-persons. National Sports Federations have been asked to take action against sportspersons found guilty of doping. Government of India has also taken disciplinary action against coaches in the light of positive dope result in respect of certain sports-persons coached by them.

(b) No, Sir. However, cases of innocent sports-persons at International level are being presented by the concerned National Sports Federation through Indian Olympic Association.